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INCREASE IN ALLOCATION FOR R & D
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have increased its allocation for R&D in Information Technology in comparison to the previous years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the areas likely to be covered under R&D; and

(d) the details of the specific targets being set by the Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Allocations for R&D programmes of Department of Information Technology during 2002-03 has been increased to Rs.113.3 crores from Rs.76.42 crores during 2001-02.

(c) and (d): The areas likely to be covered under R&D include: Computer (Hardware & Software) Development, Consumer Electronics & Capital Goods Development, Convergence and Strategic Electronics, E-Commerce & Information Security, Education Research, Electronic Components & Materials Development, Health & Bio-Tech., Industrial applications, IT for Masses, Microelectronics, Photonics Development, High performance Computing, Language Technologies, Microwave etc.

It is targeted to support the following activities:

- Technology/product development in identified thrust areas.- Human Resource Development in selected areas.